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SUBJECT: US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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1. THE EMBASSY'S SUMMARY OF PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR GUYANA (REF C) IS CONTAINED HEREIN.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

I. CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS

--DURING OFFICIAL AND SOCIAL INTERCHANGE WITH GUYANESE OFFICIALS, THE AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY OFFICERS WILL SHOW INTEREST IN AND UNDERSTANDING OF GUYANESE PROBLEMS, AND, WITH APPROPRIATE TOP LEADERS, SEEK THEIR VIEWS ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES. CONCURRENTLY, US OFFICIALS WILL COMMUNICATE USG VIEWPOINTS AND SEEK TO INCREASE GUYANESE UNDERSTANDING, ACCEPTANCE AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, SUPPORT FOR USG POLICIES AND ACTIONS. SPECIFIC AREAS FOR CONCENTRATION WOULD BE CARIBBEAN COOPERATION, HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRADE UNION FREEDOMS, US INTEREST IN ACCESS TO CALCINED BAUXITE AT REASONABLE PRICES, CUBA,

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AFRICA, US SECURITY INTERESTS AND MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS, CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT POLICIES, US CONCERN OVER ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND OUR MUTUAL INTEREST IN AVOIDING OIL PRICE INCREASES.

--USG ACCEPTANCE OF IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM CAN BE DEMONSTRATED BY THE TONE OF THE USG-GOG DIALOGUE CONDUCTED IN GEORGETOWN AND WASHINGTON, AND THROUGH THE MAINTENANCE OF

THE ONGOING US BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

--TO THE EXTENT APPROPRIATE, THE USG SHOULD INFORMALLY PROVIDE GUYANESE LEADERS WITH ASSURANCES THAT THE US WOULD SPEAK OUT AGAINST EFFORTS TO CHANGE BORDERS IN THE AREA BY FORCE. THIS WOULD TEND TO DRAW GUYANA CLOSER TO THE US DUE TO ITS FEARS - REAL OR IMAGINED - THAT VENEZUELA MIGHT MOVE FOCIBLY TO TAKE THE TWO-FIFTHS OF GUYANA THAT IT CLAIMS. CONCURRENTLY, WE SHOULD SUBTLY REMIND GUYANESE LEADERS THAT SECURITY INTERESTS ARE A TWO-WAY STREET AND THAT GUYANA WOULD ENHANCE ITS OWN SECURITY INTERESTS BY BEING SENSITIVE TO AND SUPPORTIVE OF US NEEDS FOR REGIONAL AND GLOBAL SECURITY.

--THE MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO UTILIZE EFFECTIVELY THE USIS INFORMATION, EDUCATIONAL, AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF US BILATERAL AND GLOBAL OBJECTIVES AND TO FOSTER BROADER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

--THE MISSION WILL USE ITS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM-SUGGESTED BY FSI-TO CONTINUE RAISING THE LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING OF US MISSION PERSONNEL CONCERNING GUYANESE CULTURE, SOCIETY, POLITICS AND THE ECONOMY.

II. DEVELOPMENT OF A MODERATE GUYANESE ROLE IN MULTILATERAL FORA

--NEARLY ALL OF THE METHODS LISTED UNDER I. ABOVE CAN AND WILL BE USED TO WORK TOWARD THE OBJECTIVE OF MODERATING THE SECRET

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GUYANESE ROLE IN MULTILATERAL FORA.

--SUCCESS IN DEVELOPING CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND PARTICULARLY IN CONVINCING THE GUYANESE THAT THEIR SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT INTERESTS ARE BEST SERVED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US, SHOULD GIVE US OFFICIALS INCREASED LEVERAGE AND PERSUASIVE POWER IN CONVINCING THE GUYANESE TO AVOID RADICALISM IN MULTILATERAL FORA.

--IF OUR EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE GUYANESE TO ADOPT A MODERATE APPROACH ARE TO BE CREDIBLE, THE US MUST APPEAR TO BE SINCERELY STRIVING TO REACH MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ACCOMODATION ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND OTHER IMPORTANT MULTILATERAL PROBLEMS.

--TO INDUCE GUYANA TO TAKE POSITIONS DISTINCT FROM CUBA WE MUST SHOW THE GUYANESE THAT WE VIEW THEM IN A DIFFERENT AND MORE FAVORABLE LIGHT THAN WE DO THE CUBANS.

--ON THE MATTER OF GUYANA'S CANDIDACY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE OAS, THE GOG DECISION TO SEEK ENTRY WILL ENCOUNTER SOME RESISTANCE WITHIN THE LEFT WING OF THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC) AND WILL BE OPPOSED STRONGLY BY THE OPPOSITION PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP). THEREFORE, OUR WORK ON THIS MUST CONSIST OF

QUITE ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THOSE GOG LEADERS WHO FAVOR
OAS MEMBERSHIP AND OF SUSTAINED EFFORTS TO OPEN THE OAS
TO GUYANESE MEMBERSHIP.

III. SUPPORT FOR GUYANESE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

--AS SUSTAINED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE
UNLESS GUYANA SUCCESSFULLY OVERCOMES ITS SHORT TERM
LIQUIDITY PROBLEMS, CAN PAY ITS DEBTS, AND MAINTAIN POLITICAL
STABILITY WHILE RESTORING EQUILIBRIUM TO THE ECONOMY, THE
US SHOULD MAKE THE IFIS AWARE OF THE URGENCY AND SERIOUS-
NESS OF GUYANA'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS
TO PREVENT COLLAPSE OF THE ECONOMY.

--ONCE THE ABOVE IS ACCOMPLISHED, ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN
AREA OF AGRICULTURE, HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION AIMED AT
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HELPING THE POOR SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION WILL HAVE
MAXIMUM BENEFIT. SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS TO DIVERSIFY AGRI-
CULTURE AND ESTABLISH FOOD PROCESSING FACILITIES WILL
HELP GUYANA DEVELOP ITS POTENTIAL AS A FOOD SUPPLIERS FOR
THE CARIBBEAN REGION.

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--ASSISTANCE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PROVIDE SMALL
INDUSTRIAL FIRMS WITH FOREIGN CAPITAL FOR USE IN OBTAINING
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PARTS FROM THE US WOULD HELP

STRENGTHEN THE PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMICALLY AND, ULTIMATELY POLITICALLY.

--THE EMBASSY WILL USE ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, THE USIS WIRELESS FILE AND OTHER WRITTEN MATERIALS, AND APPROPRIATE FILMS AND VTRS TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG GOG OFFICIALS OF THE ROLE THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN PLAY IN GUYANA'S DEVELOPMENT.

IV. PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL AFFAIRS

--THE MOST EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATE ACTION THAT THE US CAN TAKE TO ENCOURAGE REGIONAL COOPERATION, WILL BE ASSIST THE ECONOMIES OF THE REGION ACHIEVE A BETTER EQUILIBRIUM. REGIONAL COOPERATION, TO DATE HAS BEEN LARGELY BASED UPON TRADE; HOWEVER, THE PARLOUS ECONOMIC STRAITS IN WHICH GUYANA AND JAMAICA FIND THEMSELVES HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THOSE COUNTRIES TO FULLY HONOR THEIR REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. AS A CONSEQUENCE REGIONAL COOPERATION HAS WEAKENED AND REMAINS UNDER SERIOUS STRAIN.

--EFFORTS TO INDUCE GREATER GUYANESE REGIONAL COOPERATION WOULD BE NEGATED IF GOG LEADERS PERCEIVED THAT THE US
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IS GIVING PREFERENCE TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO OR JAMAICA IN ITS DIPLOMACY; THEREFORE, THE USG MUST MAKE EFFORTS TO APPEAR EVEN-HANDED IN ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD CARIBBEAN LEADERS.

V. COOPERATION ON NARCOTICS MATTERS

--OFFICIAL AND SOCIAL INTERCHANGE WITH GUYANESE OFFICIALS WILL BE USED TO COMMUNICATE USG VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON NARCOTICS CONTROL.

--INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS ON NARCOTICS PROBLEMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO APPROPRIATE GOG OFFICIALS.

--AS US TRAINING COURSES IN NARCOTICS INTERDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT BECOME AVAILABLE, GUYANESE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

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